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Spriggs, Hill enjoy large lead



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Nate Spriggs, senior in agricultural economics, and **Grant Hill**, junior in accounting, relax at Delta Sigma Phi during their watch party. They took just under 62 percent of the vote.

With firm lead over other candidates, frontrunners encourage more K-Staters to vote in next week's general election

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staff writer

Close to 40 supporters cheered on Nate Spriggs, senior in agricultural economics, and Grant Hill, junior in accounting, as the results for the student body president primary election were announced on Thursday night.

Spriggs and Hill, who

have campaigned, respectively, for Student Governing Association president and vice president, held a gathering at the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity to listen to the results of the primary. Spriggs had the pleasure of relaying to the room that he and his running mate had just swept the primaries with just under 62 percent of the vote.

"The results are actually a lot better than I expected them to be," Spriggs said just after the results were announced.

Hill also confirmed the feeling of surprise regarding the margin of victory.

"I'm amazed," Hill said. "It's an awesome time to be on the Spriggs and Hill campaign. We have a good foundation and we're headed in the right direction."

Many of those in attendance at the watch party have been part of the Spriggs and Hill campaign this semester, but just as many were family and friends, there to support the candidates.

After the initial reaction to the large margin of victory died down, Spriggs and Hill both took the time to thank everyone in attendance as well as key players from their campaign.

"This is the most fun I've had in a campaign season," said Spriggs while thanking the group. "You guys have really made meetings hilarious."

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Lister, Penner place second



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Garrett Lister, senior in agriculture economics, celebrates after hearing the news that he and Allison Penner, junior in microbiology, are still in the running for the SGA elections.

Duo plans to continue campaigning hard to win office of president, vice president

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Garrett Lister, senior in agricultural economics, and Allison Penner, junior in microbiology, celebrated their advancement in the Student Governing Association primary elections last night at Kite's

Grille and Bar with family, friends and campaign supporters.

Lister and Penner are currently behind front-runner candidates Nathan Spriggs, current SGA president and senior in agricultural economics, and Grant Hill, Spriggs' running mate and junior in accounting.

Lister said his motivation and campaign will only increase in intensity from here.

"It's time to make a further commitment," Lister said. "So far we have had a great campaign, with excellent supporters. We're very grateful for that base. With just a week left, it's time to go forward 110 percent."

According to the SGA primary results page on the K-State website, 2,459 votes were tallied. Lister said he both hopes and expects a much larger turnout for the general election.

"I'm surprised with the voter turnout, especially with the extra day of voting added," Lister said. "At this point, I'm hoping to keep our campaign enthusiasm up and continue to hear the voices of the students and get them more involved."

Penner also voiced her surprise regarding the voter turnout, but said she is prepared to work in order to gain numbers.

"Coming into this campaign, we knew it would be hard," Penner said. "We have had great representation on campus, though, and we have another week to get out there and inform student of what we're doing."

A group of about 25 people shared the excitement of advancing with Lister and Penner at their watch party. Among them was Sue Hagedorn, graduate student in counseling and student development and Lister's aunt. Hagedorn said she is proud to see her nephew advance to the general election.

"The results tonight are very encouraging," Hagedorn said. "Garrett is a natural leader and a catalyst of charisma. That energy speaks for itself."

Lister said that ranking

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Glaser, Hampton secure 10 percent of vote

Independent candidates happy to draw votes, inform voters

Andy Rao
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The Student Governing Association primary election round concluded on Thursday night after being postponed due to technical difficulties with the voting machines.

Corey Glaser, presidential candidate and junior in computer engineering, and Michael Hampton, junior in finance and vice presidential candidate, finished last in the standings with roughly 10 percent of the total votes, according to the election results page on the K-State website.

Nate Spriggs, senior in agricultural economics, and Grant Hill, junior in accounting, secured 61.73 percent of the votes, while Garrett Lister, senior in agricultural economics, and Allison Penner, junior in microbiology, finished second with 25.36 percent of the votes.

"We knew it was a big mountain to climb," Glaser said. "We always considered ourselves the Ron Pauls of this election so I'd say we're happy about being able to be a part of this."

Glaser and Hampton, who ran as independent candidates with no affiliation with SGA, said that they were happy that they were able to draw votes despite not being involved with the big organizations on campus.

"We aren't greek, we aren't part of the influential groups on campus, but we still were able to get a good

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Sunset Zoo's new additions to include gibbon exhibit, education facility

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The Sunset Zoo is undergoing expansions, as a new exhibit that will house a group of monkeys is set to open this spring.

The John Woodard Memorial Gibbons Exhibit will be the first to open and will feature gibbons, members of the primate family, separate from monkeys because they do not have tails. They are arboreal creatures, meaning they enjoy being in trees, and are very active animals overall.

The John Woodard Memorial Exhibit will be built to highlight these unique characteristics. The exhibit will consist of a ground floor to view the animals on

the ground and a higher elevation on a deck to be able to view the animals climbing between trees.

A vital aspect of the building is being built around the animals' resting habitats. While some of the animals at Sunset Zoo may leave their viewing exhibits to rest in a climate-controlled environment, the public will be able to view the gibbons in their resting environment.

Ella Casey, the marketing and development officer at Sunset Zoo, spoke about the gibbons' resting cells.

"Any animal needs special care," Casey said. "The animals have these cells so they may have access to heat and air conditioning at all times, which is important to their safety."



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Workers finish up drywalling the new entrance and learning center at Sunset Zoo on Wednesday. The new entrance, gift shop and gibbon exhibit are planned to open April 22.

Unlike some animals at the zoo though, the gibbons are not very labor intensive

so new keepers will not be needed to give the creatures the special care they need. The John Woodard

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an "unimpressive hut." The lack of a defining entryway will soon be at an end though.

In 2009, Sunset Zoo approached the Manhattan City Commission with a sales tax initiative that was voted on by the public. The taxes along with many public and private donations have funded the \$4 million facility.

The 15,000 square-foot structure will host classes that meet the state science standards for toddlers, elementary and middle school kids, and some programming for adults. The classes will be themed depending on the season and what different species of animals are here throughout the year. The classes are being held

now in a renovated primate exhibit. The facility will also hold the ticketing office, administration offices and a year-round gift shop that will replace the old one, which is now placed in the very back of the zoo.

Kaitlin West, a junior in public relations, has experience working at the Topeka Zoo.

"I have visited Sunset Zoo before," West said. "The gibbons exhibit will be an excellent addition to the already great selection of animals there. But, even with the animals, the exhibits were a little unorganized. I think the new entryway and education facility will be just what the zoo needs to get more organized and invite people in."

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Officiating intramurals offers students good pay, flexible hours

Third-year referee: ‘It’s kind of like a family ... If I could do this for the rest of my life, I would’

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For K-State students Ben Kern and Brett Holloway, working as intramural referees has provided more than just a paycheck — it has provided them a community. Kern, senior in mathematics, and Holloway, junior in accounting and fi-

nance, both began officiating at the Peters Recreational Complex as freshmen and now work as intramural supervisors. “Most of the friends I have made here at K-State, I’ve met through the Rec,” Kern said. “Supervisors are more close-knit than the rest.” Holloway describes officiating as a great networking opportunity. Through officiating tournaments at other universities, he has met referees from other schools, and he said he appreciates the connections he has made. The base knowledge of sports rules and regulations that all referees share creates common ground and unity within the officiating community. “It’s kind of like a family,” Holloway said.

Holloway said, in addition to community, there are many additional benefits to working as a referee, including a higher pay scale than most other on-campus jobs. Pay starts at \$7.75 an hour, and with hard work, there is a potential pay increase by the end of every semester. Kern and Holloway both said the working hours can be flexible. Officials are able to choose when they can work and how often. If, for some reason, an official is unable to work when scheduled, it is no trouble finding a co-worker to take the shift. “Not many jobs can you call the day of, with only 30 minutes before work, and have them be able to find a substitute, and have your boss be OK with it,” Holloway said.

Holloway said the biggest drawback to officiating is that competitors often misperceive the referees. Referees have to deal with a lot of people who are biased toward their own team, and sometimes they even face criticism if the athletes or the fans do not accept the calls that they make. However, a few rowdy fans are not enough to keep Holloway from doing what he enjoys. “If I could do it for the rest of my life, I would,” Holloway said. “The most important part of the intramural program is our officials. It is our goal to create positive recreational services.” Armando Espinoza, assistant director for intramural sports, said one way he encourages referees to do their best is through

the intramurals officials award system. In this system, officials accumulate points throughout the year based on their attendance at meetings, knowledge of rules, hours worked and a review of their performance by Espinoza and other supervisors. Officials can also lose points for absences or tardiness. At the end of each year, officials in each sport are recognized for their hard work at the Recreational Services Employee Banquet. Official of the Year is awarded to the official with the highest number of points in each sport. Recognition is also given to the top 10 officials with the most points and hours throughout the year. The Golden Whistle Award is given to the official with the greatest point total, and the Iron Whis-

tle to the official with the highest number of hours worked. Finally, the Rookie of the Year Award is given to the first-year official with the highest point total. Currently Espinoza employs about 150 officials, but he is always looking for more K-State students to join their community. There is no formal application to become a referee. If interested, simply plan to attend a training clinic. Times and dates for these clinics can be found on the intramural website through K-State’s website. “We’ll give you an opportunity,” Espinoza said. “I personally think it is the greatest job on campus. Everyone who works intramurals together has a tight bond.”

Chemistry teacher, students examine causes, effects of global warming

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The noise of talking in the crowded classroom gradually subsided as Lou Wojcinski, K-State assistant teaching scholar of chemistry, displayed the following question through the class projection system: “Do you think most scientists agree with one another about whether or not global warming is happening, or do you think there is a lot of disagreement among scientists on the issue?” Wojcinski then instructed the students to answer the question with their I-clickers; 70 percent of the class responded that there is significant disagreement among scientists, whereas only 30 percent said that the issue is settled.

As the political global warming debate surges, this poll raises the question of whether or not scientists agree on the issue. Wojcinski said roughly 90 percent of scientists agree that global warming is occurring. “Projections about the future are much harder to do; I would say there is less agreement there,” Wojcinski said. Wojcinski said there are a variety of factors that contribute to global warming. “There is a human contribution to increased temperatures,” he said. “I think it is important to say that it is not just a human contribution. There are natural contributions to the temperatures that we have, and I think that what some people think when they

hear that it’s a human-caused problem — they think it’s just a human-caused problem, which sounds a little silly. I think part of the hesitancy in accepting the science comes from people interpreting it as solely a human problem.” Besides disagreeing about what scientists think, students at K-State also have differing views about what global warming is and its implications for the future. Mollie Barbee, sophomore in hotel and restaurant management and a student in Wojcinski’s class, said that global warming is at least partially people-driven, but said the solution will be purely natural. “There is evidence to show that we have not caused it solely, but that we have influenced it — but there are a lot of things that are just natural,” Barbee said. “We had an ice

age and then it warmed up; it has gotten colder then it gets warm again.” Although Barbee said that the Earth will heal itself, she does not advocate irresponsible behavior. “I feel we should take care of the earth and watch what we do, but given the time, it will cycle back,” she said. Nick Rohrbaugh, freshman in business administration and general chemistry, seemed more concerned about the issue. “In the worst-case scenario, it could drastically change our lifestyles,” Rohrbaugh said. “Yes, it is changing, and yes, we should do something about it.” Certain groups sometimes characterize global warming as a crisis, but Wojcinski said he thought that language is too strong. “I’m not saying it’s not a

problem, but I think ‘crisis’ might be overstating it,” Wojcinski said. “I don’t think we are headed for a giant fireball of death, but there will probably be some problems.” Some of those potential problems include the increase in mosquito-borne illnesses, rising coastal waters, an increase in the probability of violent storms and less consistent rainfall. Others point out positives such as new farmland in places where farming is impossible now, and a larger range of growth for exotic tropical and subtropical fruit, according to Wojcinski. Wojcinski says that if projected temperature increases occur, it could create a new state of winners and losers. John Coleman, meteorologist and founder of The Weather Channel, has publicly disagreed with the claims that

the science of global warming is irrefutable and said on Fox News’ “Red Eye program” that he, along with 30,000 other scientists, is suing Al Gore for fraud. Coleman claims that Al Gore’s views, made famous by his film “An Inconvenient Truth,” are a “total scam” and “part of an environmentalist religion.” Wojcinski said as debate continues, he is becoming more certain of his ideas on the issue and more doubtful about the future. “The issue of there being a man-made contribution to global warming is resolved,” Wojcinski said. “There is no doubt about that. Are there doubts about what will happen in the future? Sure. Are there doubts about what all the consequences will be? Absolutely. There are things we are more certain of, and things we are less certain of.”

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number of votes,” Hampton said. “Ten percent of people voted for basically a complete overhaul of the system, which I think is a good representation of the people who want to see change.” Glaser agreed, saying that the election was an eye-opening experience for him, and that he learned from his experience in the primary. “I would say that people connected well with our platform,” Glaser said. “Our big advocacy issue was with transparency, which I think almost everybody agreed with, but there were definitely things we could have done

better. We could have talked to more greek houses, which we kind of neglected, and I think we would have done better if we just got more people involved in the election in general.” One of the main issues surrounding Glaser and Hampton’s campaign was the controversy about the comments the duo made about the Diversity Program Council’s decision to bring rapper Mos Def to K-State to speak about diversity. “I think the whole issue with Mos Def and allocations was kind of misconstrued, and people were quick to assume we’re racist when we weren’t trying to base it around any specific organization,” Glaser said. “We just wanted to make a point on the fairness of allocations and even though we could have done a better job communicating our point, I think we got people thinking.” Although many K-Staters and Manhattan community members interpreted the DPC issue differently, Hampton said that neither he nor Glaser resented any comments from critics.

“No hard feelings to anybody involved in the process,” Hampton said. “We’re just glad that we were able to get our thoughts and ideas out there to get a conversation started.” Glaser and Hampton said

they were looking forward to staying involved in campus issues, and planned to continue voicing their opinions. One of the things they plan to do is to attend the weekly SGA meetings in order to stay informed and to pass information along to others. “Even though we didn’t advance, Michael and I are planning on staying involved with SGA, even if that means just sitting in on meetings so we know what’s going on,” Glaser said. “We want to help inform people. There are a lot of students who are advocating for change, and there are people that care enough to want to do something about issues that that matter to them.”

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below Spriggs and Hill did not affect his energy level. He said that his goal was to advance in the primary, and he has achieved that goal. The next goal is to win the general election, he said. “Of course I would have liked to see us on top,” Lister said. “But our goal was to move on, and we did it. There have been many elections in which the candidate who placed second in primaries went on to win. We’ve put together a good group of people. Our volunteers have been great and have been so supportive because they believe that we are the best people for the position.” Penner said she is preparing to give the final week of campaigning a doubled effort. “Our campaign team will definitely be getting together,” Penner said. “We want to make sure we’re covering all of campus. Our motto is ‘KState,’

so we want to hear the voices of as many students, clubs and organizations as we can to make sure we can represent them.” The determination and charisma shown by Lister and Penner in their campaign is one of the best things about it, according to Hagedorn. “Garrett observes his values and is very hard working,” Hagedorn said. “With him, what you see is what you’ll get.” Penner says that, in the next week, the campaign will employ new strategies to inform and involve student voters. Lister says that, in addition, they will still continue to campaign hard. “We’re going to keep doing what we’re doing,” Lister said. “We will still be in the Union from 10 until 2 everyday, we will still talk to everyone who will hear us and we will continue to listen. We’re still in this, and no matter what happens, I’m excited for how the future will turn out.”

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ous.” As the incumbent student body president, Spriggs has had a leg up in the race as far as name recognition is concerned, but he said the high percentage of votes isn’t completely because people simply knew who he was. “I think we put together a platform that connects with the students in and outside of the classroom,” Spriggs said. Hill echoed Spriggs’ sentiment and added that he specifically joined the campaign as a candidate because of the

dedication to the students and people-oriented nature that Spriggs brings to the table. Both candidates made a point to address the fact that this was just the primary election and not the general election that will decide who will fill the president and vice president’s chairs next fall. “I hope going into next week, we can maintain the momentum that we had this week,” Spriggs said. The two remaining candidate groups from this primary election have one last week to campaign before the general elections next week,

which have previously shown to have a higher voter turnout than the primaries. “If you compare the voter turnout to state and national turnout rates, it’s pretty good,” Spriggs said. “But it’s still not good enough. I’m really grateful for the students who chose to voice their opinions by voting, but we’d like to see more.” The total number of votes cast in the primary election sits near 2,500, which is more than 2,000 votes below the turnout from last year’s general election. The approximately 2,000 votes anticipated for the gen-

eral election may have the ability to sway the results in a completely different direction. “We want to stay on our toes for next week, because you never know what can happen,” said Kaitlin Long, co-manager for the Spriggs and Hill and junior in leadership studies. As his thank-you speech after the results wound down and while he still had the audience’s attention, Spriggs encouraged the group to keep up the good campaign work. “It isn’t over yet,” Spriggs said.

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Female athletes, coaches undervalued in world of sports



Kelly McHugh

When it comes to sports media today, it is obvious that the primary focus is on the male crowd, while women in the world of sports often get misjudged. According to an Oct. 15, 2010, New York Times article by Katie Thomas about introducing espnW, an ESPN channel made up of solely women's sports geared at reaching women ages 18-35, "women make up 44 percent of football fans, 45 percent of baseball fans and 36 percent of professional men's basketball fans, according to research conducted by the sports leagues."

So while sports may have started within the male sphere, women make up a large percentage of consumers today. With the rise of women media consumers and incredible female athletes taking center stage in their specific sports, I often wonder why and how women in are underestimated in sports media, in business and on the playing field.

I believe this male-dominant sports culture often comes from the way women in society are viewed. If you visit Sports Illustrated's website, the first thing that you will see bannered is their large link to their swimsuit edition

page. While swimsuits are making headlines on a leading sports news outlet, athletes like Brittney Griner and Abby Wambach have to work hard and be exceptionally talented in their sport gain the attention of the media. Griner leads both men's and women's teams in scoring in the Big 12 Conference, averaging 22.7 points per game, and Wambach scored a goal in the 2011 Women's World Cup deemed the best play of the year, according to the 2011 ESPYs.

Pretty impressive if you ask me.

But, if you are not the exceptional, record-breaking female athlete, making headlines is near impossible, while a girl in a bikini can make the front cover of a widely read sports news magazine.

I am not saying men's sports and women's sports need to be aired equally, and I am not trying to take anything away from watching men's sports. I will always be a huge fan of the MLB and NFL, and I loved NASCAR long before Danica Patrick hit the track.

However, what I am saying is females in sports are highly underestimated when it comes to sports media.

I have even noticed my guy friends are far too often more focused on what ESPN broadcaster Erin Andrews is wearing over what she is saying.

So, my wish would be for men take a different look at the women's world of sports. For example, do not just watch women's soccer because you think players

are attractive, but watch it because these women work just as hard and possess just as much talent as the men's teams do.

And ladies, my wish would also be to go out and support your fellow female athletes here at K-State. In a recent interview I had with K-State Athletics Director John Currie, he had so much good to say about the women's athletics offered here at K-State.

"I'm really proud of all of our women's programs," Currie said. "We were one of a few schools in the country to have both men's and women's basketball in the NCAA tournament last year; we had the freshman of the year and the player of the year in women's tennis; our women's volleyball team went to the Sweet 16; Ryann Kraiss won the national championship [in track and field]. I mean, if you look across the board at K-State, we actually compete pretty well at everything."

K-State athletics is filled with women who work hard and train every day to represent the school. Many of these athletes excel not only on their playing field, but also in the classroom.

Currie also said the teams are represented by extremely successful coaches who know coaching at K-State is something special.

"We have a coach, Deb Patterson, who has won 320-something games in her career. She's our all-time winningest coach, she's been a longtime coach," Currie said. "Our assistant [basketball] coach, Kami Ethrige, is in the

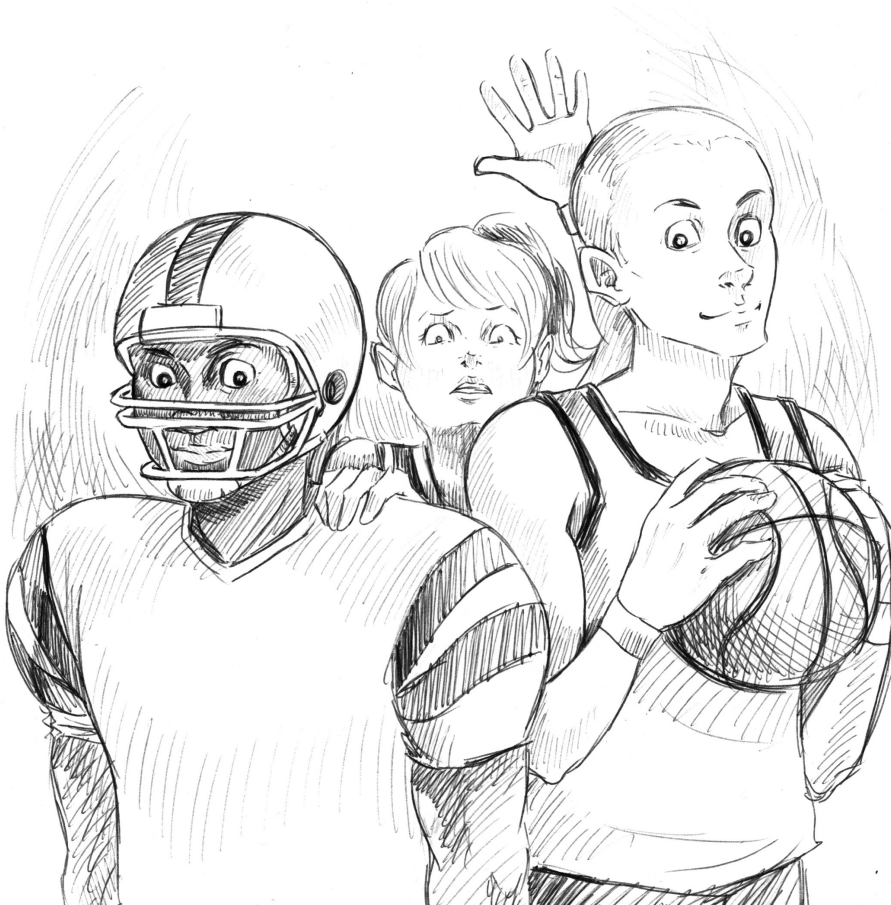


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basketball hall of fame, was an Olympic gold medalist and won a national championship as a player, and then you look at our other coaching staff, like Suzie Fritz, who is the longtime volleyball coach."

I recently attended my first K-State home tennis match and had a great time watching these women who are so passionate about and talented in the sport they represent at K-State.

This Saturday evening is the senior game for K-State women's basketball. The women's basketball team currently has five seniors on the roster, all of whom have been making an impact on the court and around campus during their years at K-State. Just as the men's seniors deserve a good crowd for their final game in Bramlage Coliseum, I believe K-State students should support

their fellow female senior colleagues as they step on Bramlage's court one last time.

Women in sports are not inferior to men today; today's women in sports are strong, talented and smart, and they deserve not to be underestimated.

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Chipotle commercial presents misleading view of large scale farming

Lisa Henderson
contributing writer

Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

The Grammy Awards show may be the biggest night on television for the music industry, but it's probably the last place you would expect to see an anti-large scale farming advertisement.

Chipotle Mexican Grill ran a nearly 2 1/2-minute animated advertisement featuring a farmer and his family, who begin moving their animals into pens and buildings. The farm grows and grows until it becomes a factory setting where the animated pigs are fed pills to make them grow faster.

The pigs are then systematically pounded into squares and shipped to large stores. The commercial hits a turning point when the dreary farmer has an epiphany and decides to tear all of his buildings down and let the animals wander free.

The final scene is a much more cheerful farmer loading his product into a Chipotle truck with the message "Cultivate a Better World."

The advertisement features the Coldplay song "The Scientist" sung by Willie Nelson, which supports the ad's theme that farming has become a mechanized process that is bad for the animals, the environment and for humans who consume the meat of these animals.

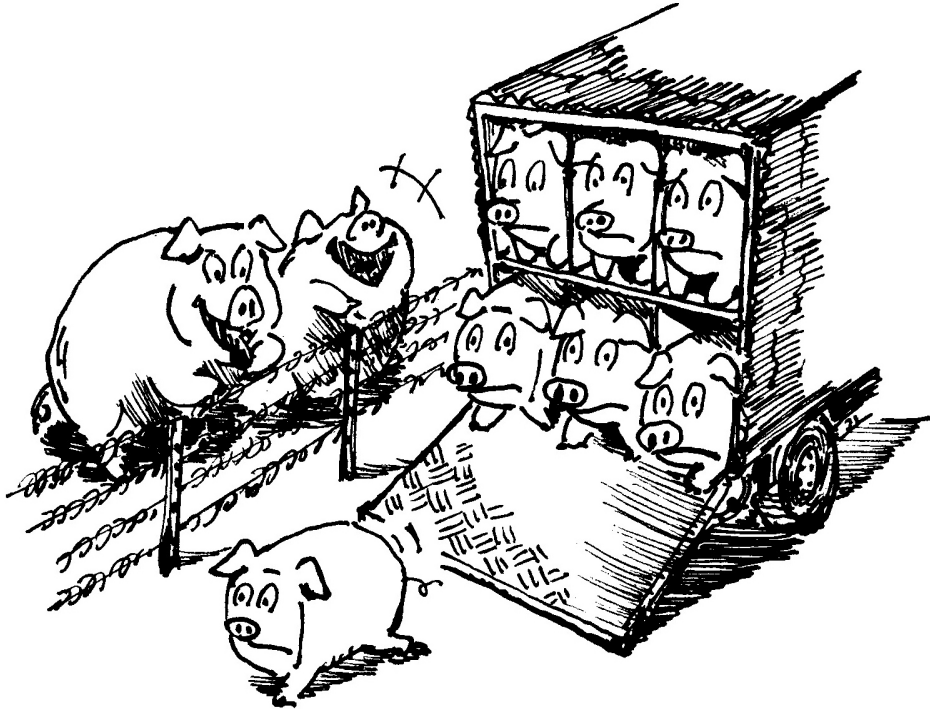


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Chipotle claims it serves "food with integrity," which is the company's commitment to using ingredients from animals that are raised without antibiotics or hormones, which the company believes is better for the environment and for consumers.

Chipotle's latest campaign, "Back To the Start," promotes the idea that farmers should go back to the way farmers and ranchers used to raise animals, outdoors with exposure to all the elements, because it's better than the "factory-farming" methods

used today — animals raised inside with protection from harsh weather conditions, disease and predators.

Throughout the commercial, antibiotics and hormones are pumped into the pigs to make them fatter and more profitable to the farmers, who are portrayed as people treating pigs as a product rather than an animal. On a real farm, I know from experience that antibiotics are used to keep pigs healthy, not hurt them. It would be inhumane not to give sick animals antibiotics.

Chipotle claims their meat is better because it is antibiotic-free, but the company has no evidence that antibiotic-free production makes the meat safer for human consumption than meat from animals treated with antibiotics.

Antibiotics or any products given to pigs or other food animals must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine. Additionally, meat products are tested for residues at processing facilities by U.S. Department of Agriculture inspectors.

Chipotle's "no hormones and no antibiotics" claim for their meat products is really a marketing tactic. I believe Chipotle does this to better position themselves against other fast-food chains like McDonald's and KFC.

Chipotle's advertising and marketing strategies have drawn criticism from pork industry professionals who view the tactics as misleading.

"The video is very simplistic and would tend to mislead members of the public that are not familiar with animal agriculture."

Darryl Ragland
veterinarian and associate professor of food animal production medicine at Purdue University

Marlys Miller, editor of Pork Magazine, a nationally-circulated periodical for professional producers, said she believes "Back to the Start" is "a simplistic and inaccurate depiction of how we raise hogs today. Chipotle has every right to promote its restaurants and its food ... but that's not what this film is about."

She also said the real meaning of this commercial is to make consumers believe that the way farming practices

are run today are "wrong, irresponsible and lacking integrity and respect." Miller said she wonders if "consumers think raising food animals the way we did 30 years ago is better — how many would go to a doctor who used 30-year-old medical practices or technology?"

Chipotle's portrayal of animal waste as green sludge flowing into a lake is also inaccurate.

Darryl Ragland, a veterinarian and associate professor of food animal production medicine at Purdue University, does not agree with the way the ad portrays animal waste regulations.

"Environmental laws in most states prohibit uncontrolled discharge of waste material into open bodies of water and govern how this material is used to improve soil fertility," Ragland said on the American Society of Animal Science's website. "The video is very simplistic and would tend to mislead members of the public that are not familiar with animal agriculture."

There are many different ways to raise pigs, but one is not inherently better than others.

I believe Chipotle has every right to promote their product, but they're wrong to claim a superior product by denigrating the majority of America's pork producers.

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TO THE POINT

K-State community should support male, female athletic teams equally

To the point is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

As the basketball season starts to wind down, we here at the Collegian had some thoughts not only about our women's teams, but about female athletes everywhere.

When it comes to male athletes vs. female athletes, it does not take long to see that a double standard exists.

Male athletes dominate the spotlight and are renowned for their athletic prowess, while women who are just as athletic and dominant in their sport garner no attention from the media. Another topic that quickly comes

up when a female athlete is brought to the forefront is her looks. Shouldn't sports coverage be about athletic ability and not how one looks in a gown or swimsuit?

When talking about female-driven sports, many naysayers compare female athletes to their male counterparts. Not only does this not make any sense, but it is totally unfair. Any sport played by females is in a completely different arena from their male equals. And that is what it comes down to; either way, it is the same sport and

is simply being played by a different group of people.

What this means for we, as K-Staters, is that we should go out and support our female athletes in every athletic event we can. Sure, promotions may be giving out free swag to attendees, but do not simply get a free shirt from the sporting event and dip out.

Male or female, we are all Wildcats here, so check the sports event calendar and head out to as many games or meets as you can and bring your friends.

From the president's desk



Nate Spriggs

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With this low increase, we have continued to balance the student interest with affordability in mind. This year, Student Governing Association's Privilege Fee Committee reviewed the funding for four campus privilege fee agencies: Student Health, Counseling Services, Student Publications Inc. and Fine Arts. With the review of so many agencies, including SGA's largest group, Student Health, it is exciting to see such a small increase. Kate

and I applaud the Privilege Fee Committee and Student Government for their hard work.

While planning for next year, don't forget to ask for help when you need it. Powercat Financial Counseling is a great campus resource to help you budget, save and invest money and manage debt.

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Have a great weekend and be sure to cheer on the Cats as they take on Oklahoma State. Do not forget to wear your K-State Proud T-shirt and help "white out" the Octagon of Doom.

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Turkey time: ‘gobbler’ hunting rewarding but time-consuming

Briana Caspers
contributing writer

Editor’s Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

With this year’s spring turkey season right around the corner, it is time to begin gathering the right knowledge and equipment to make this season more successful than the previous.

According to the 2011 Turkey Harvest Report, done by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, 32,298 turkeys were killed by hunters in the spring of 2011. This might seem like a high number, but the overall success rate of hunters has dropped since the state’s highest in 2005. This means that in recent years, fewer hunters have been successful in killing the birds. Although their success is lower, their passion for the hunt continues.

“I love turkey hunting because I love sitting in the blind and watching the sun come up and the dew glittering on the grass,” said Shelby Pulkrabek, sophomore in hotel restaurant management. “Nothing’s more exciting than hearing them gobble back



courtesy photo

Professional turkey hunter Sam Klement took second place out of 80 hunters at the 2009 Kansas Governor’s One Shot Turkey Hunt.

to your calls off in the distance.”

Successful hunting seasons are important for several reasons. First of all, turkey hunting, like many other types of hunting, helps to maintain a healthy-sized population. However, the driving factor behind many turkey hunters is not popu-

lation control; it is the quest for a trophy bird.

When a tom, a male turkey, is shot, it can be measured based on its weight and the length of its beard and spurs. These measurements are then translated into a score. Trophy Turkey Award applications can be

sent to the department where individual scores are compared with those of other hunters across the state.

“[The reason] I hunt them is for the show that Mother Nature puts on,” said Hunter Rouse, junior in wildlife and outdoor enterprise management. “It’s a thriller being able to watch these birds put on a show as they strut, fight, purr and drum. It’s not always as easy as it looks on TV to hunt these animals, so I do it for the challenge.”

In Kansas, spring turkey hunting season opens April 1 and runs through April 10 for archery-only and youth and disabled hunters, and the regular season starts April 11 and runs through May 31. In order to hunt, licenses and game tags need to be purchased. A resident hunting license in Kansas is \$20.50 and a resident game tag is \$12.50. A combo deal, including license and tag is also offered for \$27.50, but would need to be purchased before March 31. Prices differ for non-residents looking to hunt in Kansas.

Before the season starts, gathering tips and tricks from professionals is a good way for less experienced hunters to become more knowledgeable of the sport. Advice from others who have hunted turkeys in this area is a

good place to start.

Professional hunter Sam Klement of Dothan, Ala., is no stranger to Kansas. In 2009 he took second place in the Kansas Governor’s One Shot Turkey Hunt that was held in Butler County. Klement is also a member of multiple National Pro Staffs, such as Realtree and Muzzy. Over the past 30 years, he has produced more than 20 turkey hunting videos and patented several products, including the turkey topper and the gun rest. He is more than willing to offer up his expertise on the sport and encourages hunters to be patient and not to get discouraged.

“It often takes 30 hours of woods time to get one turkey,” Klement said.

As college students, sometimes it can be difficult to avoid the distractions of our fast-paced world, cell phones and email and get back into nature. After all, turkeys have all day. Unless a predator or another hunter spooks them, they are not going anywhere, so be willing to give up the necessary time.

“Just say you’re on turkey time and let the hunt unfold,” Klement said. “The coolest thing is when you have a gobbler five yards from you and you can see the hair on his chin. As soon as one gobbles so loud it knocks your hat off, you’ll be hooked.”

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With midterms upon us, if you see a single person occupying a four-person table, make sure to go out of your way to disturb them. What they are doing is wrong.



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Dwelling on your grade now will prevent you from being able to move forward. In some cases Ds will get degrees. Just ask any engineering student after a midterm.



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Pisces Feb. 19 - March 20

For obvious reasons, this is the time of the year for the pisces. Like the Dos Equis man says: “Drink responsibly.” Remember what happened

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Aries March 21 - April 19

Remember how you treat people. Karma may come back to bite you in the bum ... or perhaps your midterm grade.



Taurus April 20 - May 20

Never wake a sleeping drunk. Much like a hibernating bear, it is bound to be angry.



Gemini May 21 - June 20

No one likes complainers, unless they’re funny or good-looking ... or if they share a commonality with the person they are complaining to. Fortunately, you make the cut on all accounts.



Cancer June 21 - July 22

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Leo July 23 - Aug. 22

With Fake Patty’s quickly approaching, get your green gear now so you won’t be stuck wearing purple on the 10th.



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Hey there. You — yes, you. You need to think very carefully before you eat that.

-Compiled by Tim Schrag

Struggle for LGBT rights a national, local issue

Jakki Thompson
assistant news editor

One of the hottest topics of discussion in recent weeks has been the amount of circulating legislation that would allow same sex couples to be legally married. In February, Washington and Maryland legalized same-sex marriage, making them the ninth and 10th states, respectively, to pass same-sex marriage laws.

The first state to pass a same-sex marriage law was Massachusetts in 2004. Then came Connecticut in 2008 and Iowa and Vermont in 2009. In 2010, New Hampshire and Washington, D.C. both made it legal for same sex couples to get married. Last year, New York passed the same law.

“I feel it’s great and it’s about time,” said Tony Juliano, resident of Chicago and a gay man. “It’s unsettling, to say the least, about the national view of ambivalence and all of the wavering that goes on with regards to same-sex marriage.”

Another piece of the issue surrounding same-sex marriage nationwide is the repeal of Proposition 8 in California. According to a Feb. 7 article on MSNBC.com, Judge Stephen Reinhardt commented on the majority opinion by saying, “Proposition 8 serves no purpose, and has no effect, other than to lessen the status and human dignity of gays and lesbians in California, and to officially reclassify their relationships and families as inferior to opposite-sex couples. The Constitution simply does not allow for ‘laws of this sort.’”

This decision has left a lot of room open for discussion, making some people quite wary of how this will pan out in the rest of the nation.

“I honestly think it’s stupid that more states allow first cousins to marry, but think that homosexuals will ‘destroy’ straight marriages,” said Taylor Harmon, freshman in English. “I think it’s unconstitutional to not allow same-sex marriage. I thought it was equality for all, not just for straight people.”

Even with the many pieces of

legislation that have been passed all over the nation, there is still a national piece of legislation titled the Defense Of Marriage Act, signed into law on Sept. 21, 1996. DOMA defines marriage as between one man and one woman nationwide, but individual states are able to make their own decisions to pass pieces of legislation that allows same sex couples to legally marry. The Obama administration currently stands against DOMA and no longer defends the constitutionality of the legislation.

“The government still denies some 1,000 couples rights to married homosexual couples that they extend to married heterosexual couples,” Garner said. “The repeal of DOMA is key to making those marriages equal in word and deed. As well, I go back to the basic human rights that most of the LGBT community are denied in most places in the U.S.”

This is an issue that has even affected the Manhattan community. According to the City of Manhattan website, on Feb. 8, 2011, the City Commission passed a discrimination ordinance including sexual orientation as a protected class. The ordinance also included protection of gender identity, making Manhattan one of few cities in the nation to protect transgender people. The ordinance was repealed on May 4, 2011, and these groups of people are no longer protected within city limits.

“There is no question we have moved light-years in the last year and a half,” Garner said. “This is largely due to incredible work by tireless grassroots activists, both



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Same-sex marriage has been a controversial topic in the U.S. for years. On Feb. 8, 2011, the Manhattan City Commission passed an ordinance that would include sexual orientation as a protected class, but the ordinance was repealed in May 2011.

on the state and national levels. I look forward to those that now enjoy their marriage rights and ability to serve openly in the military use their momentum to continue working on bills such as ENDA on the national level, all the way down to the non-discrimination ordinance that the Manhattan City Commission passed and then subsequently repealed.”

Members of the LGBT community say their fight for equal rights is not a niche struggle, but a struggle that includes all human-kind.

“It’s not just a ‘gay issue,’” Juliano said. “This is an ‘everyone issue.’ Everybody knows a LGBT individual, whether they are aware of it or not. We need to support each other to eradicate archaic ways of thinking in order to bring a new wave of tolerance.”

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

A long way from home, Henriquez enjoys his time at K-State

After strong play in K-State's last two games, Henriquez looks toward his final game with senior teammates

Chris Souk
staff writer

It isn't easy for 6-foot-11-inch junior Jordan Henriquez to hide in a crowd. It also hasn't been easy for the Wildcat big man to hide following his outstanding play the past two weeks.

Henriquez has been a significant part of the Wildcats' improved play during the month of February, in which the team has won two consecutive games on the road against top 10 competition, defeating Baylor and Missouri.

His contribution in the past four games against the top four teams in the conference, in which K-State went 2-2, Henriquez has averaged 9 points, 6.75 rebounds and five blocks per game. His standout performance however, was in a losing effort to Iowa

State in which Henriquez recorded his first double-double with a stat-stuffing performance of 19 points, 12 rebounds and seven blocks.

Henriquez said his recent string of strong play is due to his performance in practice.

"I feel that it started in practice with my aggressiveness and it transpires over into the games," Henriquez said.

When Henriquez came to K-State, he was a seldom-used reserve. Now, through his improvement, his role is one of the biggest on the team.

Henriquez specifically points to his improvement on the defensive end during his first three years at K-State.

"I've improved on my overall rebounding, continuing on getting better at blocking shots," Henriquez said.

Henriquez has not let the success get to his head. He said one area he wants to hone in on is his "strength in the paint."

When asked about Henriquez's improvement throughout the season, and especially the last few games, assistant head coach Brad Underwood said, "He's obviously a young man that has



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Junior forward **Jordan Henriquez** goes up for a basket during a game in Bramlage Coliseum earlier this season. Henriquez has played an important part in the team's success this season, particularly against Iowa State on Feb. 25, when he scored 19 points in his first double-double.

got a tremendous amount of talent. He's got great length, and I think his development goes with his focus mentally. He's been very tuned in and has had great, great practices."

It isn't all about basketball for Henriquez. When he came to Manhattan to play for head coach Frank Martin, he traveled half way across the country from his hometown of Port Chester,

N.Y. The welcome that he received in Manhattan helped smooth the transition.

"I love the environment, I love the people, whether I'm in Aggieville, or on campus, or just out with a friend eating," Henriquez said.

As for his favorite spot in Aggieville, Henriquez went with a local favorite: So Long Saloon.

"I just fell in love with So Long. I had the 'Resist Temptation,' and I can't stop going," Henriquez said.

While Henriquez is only a junior, Saturday's game against Oklahoma State will mark the final time that seniors Jamar Samuels and Victor Ojeleye will play a game at Bramlage Coliseum.

"They [Samuels and Ojeleye] have meant a lot," Henriquez said. "Knowing that this is their last home game, I want to go out and give it my all."

Henriquez is focused on the most important month of the season, March.

"It's all about grinding — coming into practice with focus and preparing for every team," Henriquez said.

BASEBALL

Baseball opens home slate today

Corry Hostetler
staff writer

The Wildcats will face off against the University of the Pacific Tigers in the team's first home game of the season today at 3 p.m. at Tointon Family Stadium. This game will be the first of a three-game series.

The Wildcats will look to improve upon their season-opening seven-game road trip to California, which they left with a 3-4 record. The Tigers, of the Big West Conference, picked up their first win of the season on Tuesday night and are now 1-8 on the year.

"We were very inconsistent last week," said K-State head coach Brad Hill. "We got better offensively as the week went on, but we have a long way to go."

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Saturday's matchup will take place at 2 p.m. as part of a K-State triple-header, which also features men's basketball against Oklahoma State at 12:30 p.m. and the women's basketball team taking on Texas Tech at 6 p.m.

The pitching matchup for Saturday will be K-State's Joe Flattery (1-1; 8.31 ERA) against Pacific's John Haberman (0-0; 3.38 ERA). Flattery, a left-hander, will look to pick up his second win of the season and his second in a row. Last week, against San Diego State University, Flattery was able to hold the Aztecs two five runs, three of them earned, through 5.1 innings en route to a K-State win and he held SDSU scoreless through the first five in-

nings.

Sunday afternoon's series finale will be played at 12 p.m. and will pit Kayvon Bahramzadeh of the Wildcats (1-0; 3.12 ERA) up against the Tigers' Kyle Crawford (0-0; 5.11 ERA). Bahramzadeh will also look to build off a strong last outing as he took a no-hitter into the sixth inning last Thursday against San Diego State. The Wildcats went on to win by a score of 7-2.

"Kayvon Bahramzadeh brings senior leadership, composure and confidence to our rotation," Hill said. "He's done a good job accepting the role we've put him in."

Offensively, the Wildcats have been led by outfielder Jared King, who in just seven games has already compiled a .467 batting average with six doubles and four runs batted in. He leads an offensive unit that has averaged over 5.5 runs per game so far this season.

"Jared did a good job staying within himself. He took a very mature approach for a sophomore," Hill said of King's performance on the road trip.

K-State will try to continue its success in home openers, as the team has won nine of the last 11 dating back to 2001. This weekend's series will also be the debut of the new field turf at Tointon Family Stadium, which was installed last fall.

Admission is free for K-State students with a valid student ID.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team to celebrate 5 senior leaders at game against Texas Tech Raiders

Kelly McHugh
sports editor

A group of five women will step on the court of Bramlage Coliseum for their final game in uniform Saturday evening when the Wildcats take on the Texas Tech Lady Raiders at 6 p.m.

During the Wildcats' final home game of their 2011-12 season, the team will celebrate the careers of their five seniors. Forwards Jalana Childs, Branshea Brown and JuliAnne Childs and guards Emma Ostermann and Tasha Dickey are the five seniors on this season's roster.

"You want to send all those seniors off with a great feeling at home, with the fans," said head coach Deb Patterson. "I think our team has been very, very good about preparing that way for senior day. I think the person that has the hardest time dealing with it is myself, emotionally, just because it's hard to think about that group of seniors, any given year, playing their last game. It's a very emotional moment, I think, for me. For the players, I think I don't allow them that until after the game."

Coming out of a two-game losing skid, the Wildcats (18-11, 9-8 Big 12 Conference) look to build the same winning momentum they started out their season so strongly with. The Lady Raiders (5-12, 17-12 Big 12), however, are coming off a

five-game losing streak; their last win was Feb. 12 against Iowa State, who recently blew away the Wildcats with a 24-point loss.

Leading on the court for the Wildcats is junior guard Brittany Chambers, averaging 14.4 points and 6.2 rebounds per game, but more recently making an impact are Childs and Dickey, averaging 13.8 and 10.3 points, respectively.

While the Lady Raiders only have one player averaging in the double digits, Kierra Mal-lard, who averages 11.1 points per game but ranks sixth in the Big 12 with her eight rebounds.

As their last game approaches, and as they have suffered two uncharacteristic losses, a win for the Wildcat seniors this weekend is important.

Three of K-State's five seniors, Chambers, Brown and Dickey, have started almost every game this season, and Patterson said they all have a fantastic work ethic on and off the court.

"I think this group is just hardworking," Patterson said. "When you look at those five, you realize how hard they've worked to impact our program positively to become better players, to help their team succeed and win."

Childs also said this is a special group to her and had something good to say for all five seniors.

"Tasha's a cool cat. She has been great to play with, she's

been a great asset to our team," Childs said about Dickey, who transferred to K-State this season, using her final year of eligibility with the Wildcats.

Childs wore a smile as she leaned back against the wall, reminisced and went on to describe the three seniors she has played with the past four years.

"Brandy, I've been here with her my whole four years so it's been awesome to watch her grow, and be by her side and start with her the last two years.

She works hard all the time, and you can always count on her," Childs said about teammate Brown. "Emma, she's just fun, she's been fun to play with. JuliAnne, she's like the hardest worker I've ever met, she's like perfect at everything. She bakes, she sews, she works on her house, she paints, she's getting married and she's on the basketball team. She's like a super girl."

So while the Wildcats have a lot to focus on getting a win over Texas Tech after coming out of two tough losses, the memories of these five players will be present during their last home game.

"This is a core group, whether it's Emma or JuliAnne or Brandy or Tasha, these kids have worked extremely hard together to be successful, and to see them on the brink of a potential NCAA tournament board in their senior season is just — I'm thrilled," Patterson said.

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SENIOR DAY

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Senior forward **Branshea Brown** defends Baylor star Brittney Griner in Bramlage Coliseum on Feb. 4. Brown will play her final game at the "Octagon of Doom" on Saturday evening.

Brown concludes K-State career with work ethic, commitment

Adam Suderman
staff writer

Senior forward 'literally won us four basketball games this year,' coach Patterson says

When Branshea Brown arrived at K-State in the fall of 2008, there was a fair amount of uncertainty about what kind of player she would become.

Brown, a 2007-08 South Carolina Basketball Coaches' Association All-State selection, played at Colleton County High School in Walterboro, S.C. Brown was a four-time All-Region 8 4A selection.

Brown still holds her high school's school record for blocks and rebounds in a season with 126 blocks and 436 rebounds.

Big 12 Conference basketball was a new experience for Brown, and K-State head coach Deb Patterson said there was an immediate learning curve.

"She never played the game at a real high and fast level in high school, and she never played AAU [Amateur Athletic Union]," Patterson said. "She had never played the game at speed, the game was just spinning around her. She would get into foul trouble all the time."

Through development in the program, Patterson began to

see what kind of player Brown was becoming.

"About the time her junior year rolled around, all of a sudden you see her timing, her anticipation, her athleticism, her understanding — she is one of the best post players I've ever

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Branshea Brown
senior, K-State
women's basketball

had in the gym with respect to taking game-by-game and day-by-day coaching of her retention and accountability," Patterson said. "She might make a mistake once, but I'm telling you, the next time she will have adjusted. She listens and learns and adjusts quickly."

Brown says that Patterson has been a strong influence in her player and life development.

"Coach P, she is the type of figure that not only teaches you about basketball, but life stuff and how to grow up and be mature, being able to take responsibility and how to handle

your own life and prepare for life things after college," Brown said.

This season has had its ups and downs, but Brown said the team has found its spark and a low ranking in the preseason conference standings has helped contribute to the team's mentality.

As it is her senior season, Brown is trying to take advantage of the opportunities that are out there.

"We've had our down moments here and there, but I'd say we've picked ourselves up and it has been a pretty positive year," Brown said. "Especially, they picked us to be ninth and right now we're in fourth place. We're trying to finish strong. I'd say it has been a pretty positive year."

Patterson has been proud of Brown's developments through the course of her senior season.

"It's just amazing to me what she has worked to become; she literally won us four basketball games this year with her offensive game," Patterson said. "If she doesn't make the offensive play she makes for our basketball team in four games this year, we don't win those games. I could have never dreamed of that happening a year ago. That just speaks to the commitment, work ethic and the passion and the character and leadership of Brandy Brown. She has just worked every single day she has been in this program."

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5th	7th
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No. 6 in the Big 12	No. 8 in the Big 12
REBOUNDING	REBOUNDING
No. 1 in the Big 12	No. 8 in the Big 12
BLOCKED SHOTS	BLOCKED SHOTS
No. 3 in the Big 12	No. 4 in the Big 12
DURING BIG 12	DURING BIG 12
4-4 at home	1-7 on the road
LEADING SCORER	LEADING SCORER
Rodney McGruder	Keiton Page
15.2 points per game	16.6 points per game
LEADING REBOUNDER	LEADING REBOUNDER
Jamar Samuels	Michael Cobbins
6.6 rebounds per game	2.3 rebounds per game
LEADING IN ASSISTS	LEADING IN ASSISTS
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Samuels, Ojeleye look forward to final effort against Cowboys on Senior Day



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Jamar Samuels will take the Bramlage Coliseum court one last time on Saturday as the Wildcats welcome the Oklahoma State Cowboys. Samuels' career at K-State has taken him to NCAA tournaments and several Big 12 Conference and team awards.

Jared Brown
staff writer

Saturday afternoon promises to be an emotional, special day when the Wildcats (20-9, 9-8 Big 12 Conference) take the floor for the final time in Bramlage Coliseum this season. K-State will take on the Oklahoma State Cowboys at 12:30 p.m. and for senior forwards Jamar Samuels and Victor Ojeleye, it will be the final time the two big men will play a basketball game in the Octagon of Doom.

"I might shed a tear or two," Samuels said. "It will be very exciting. It's always a bless-

ing. At the end of the day, I've battled. I've left everything on the court. K-State has shaped me into a man — I'm finally a man. I can finally look myself in the mirror and say 'you're a grown man' and I'm willing to take what's ahead in life." Samuels has played with a sense of urgency as of late, indicating that he is aware his time with the Wildcats is running thin. Samuels is averaging 10.1 points per game and 6.6 rebounds per game this season for the Wildcats and charted two double-doubles in the past three games.

Ojeleye has played in 26 games this season, but more

importantly than statistics, he has provided a sense of leadership for the Wildcats not only this season, but last season as well.

The Cowboys will come into Saturday's game looking to spoil the Wildcats' senior day. Oklahoma State's (14-16, 7-10 Big 12) senior guard Keiton Page leads the Cowboys in scoring at 16.6 points per game. Page has scored more than 20 points in four of his last five games. The Wildcats will try to limit his opportunities by challenging him with multiple defenders throughout the game.

"He [Page] is on quite a

tear," Underwood said. "I don't know what his size is but he is a young man who has tremendous footwork. He's very consistent in what he's done. You can tell he's spent countless hours in the gym. He's playing as well as anybody in the conference right now."

K-State has won at least 20 games each of the past six seasons, including every year under head coach Frank Martin. Saturday, the Wildcats will go for win No. 21 when they take on the Cowboys.

The game is scheduled to tip off at 12:30 p.m. and will be broadcast on the Big 12 Network.

Leaving a legacy



Corbin McGuire

A lot can happen over the course of a collegiate athletic career.

Just ask Jamar Samuels or Victor Ojeleye, the only two seniors on this year's K-State men's basketball team.

Samuels came into Manhattan in 2007-08 as a redshirt freshman weighing about 185 pounds during Frank Martin's first year as head coach and was a walk-on until going on scholarship in 2008-09.

More than four years later, and only Jacob Pullen stands in front of Samuels in terms of total number of games played at K-State.

"I think it's very [significant]," said associate head coach Brad Underwood at a press conference Thursday about the number of games Samuels played compared to Pullen. "I think any time that you start playing games, that means that you're getting fairly deep into postseason and you're having some success. That is something you look back on and you take a great deal of pride in, and I know obviously what Jacob has done here in terms of the accolades, but to be mentioned in that same breath, which Jamar is, that's pretty good company."

Ojeleye said he had offers from smaller schools coming out of prep school, but he could not pass up the opportunity of a lifetime. "K-State gave me the opportunity to come here and live out my dream," Ojeleye said. "I jumped at it, and four years later I am here and thankful for the opportunity. I have been very fortunate."

Underwood said Ojeleye has solidified what this program is all about and is a person his teammates will never forget.

"Words don't do it justice," Underwood said of Ojeleye's contribution. "He showed up every single day as he has his whole career and done nothing but try and help this basketball team. He's everything you want a student athlete to be. Every single player that has played with Victor over the last four years will remember Victor and that's something that may not be for baskets scored, but he's impacted everybody that's been a teammate of his."

Sometimes statistics fail to

tell the whole story and Ojeleye is a perfect example.

A three-time First Team Academic All-Big 12 member and a recipient of the highest academic honor of the Big 12, the Dr. Gerald Lage Award, Ojeleye's academic achievements rival any basketball achievement out there.

"To show up every single day and there's never been one ounce of concern in terms of where his mind is or where his heart is — it's been with this basketball team. His dedication is what it's all about," Underwood said about Ojeleye.

Samuels said after practice in the press conference that he had no idea what he signed up for when he came to K-State.

"Then I got here and then I went through one of Scott [Greenwalt's] workouts and right after I called my mom and told her 'I don't think this is going to work out,'" Samuels said. "I didn't know what I was getting myself into."

As more workouts came and went, so too did 50 pounds to Samuels' frame and his appreciation for food from the Midwest.

"I still can't believe it to this day," Samuels said of his weight gain at K-State. "I guess when you come to the Midwest, you eat a lot. A lot of biscuits and gravy I've chomped down since I've been here."

Just over a month after Samuels arrived at K-State, the Wildcats made history when they defeated KU for the first time ever in Bramlage Coliseum.

"You get pretty emotional when you start talking about guys that have been such a big part of your program, and I don't really look at it as the time they've been here because I think it goes so quickly," Underwood said. "How they impact my life as a coach and how they impact the university, it's so fun to see those kids come in as kids and leave as grown men and be responsible."

Samuels said he realizes his stats have not been consistent over the last four years but wants to leave a legacy that numbers cannot measure. "I want people to remember the hard work I have put in," Samuels said. "I know I have not had a consistent four years here, but I want everyone to remember me as the guy that worked hard and left everything on the floor."

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